

**PARISH OF GRANT,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Grant is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	14,263	2,683,516
1960	13,330	3,257,022
1970	13,671	3,644,637
1980	16,703	4,205,900
1990	17,526	4,219,973
1991	17,540	4,251,560
1992	17,384	4,287,195
1993	17,462	4,295,477
1994	17,667	4,315,085
1995	18,087	4,339,352
1996	18,334	4,350,579
1997	18,801	4,351,769
1998	18,755	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Grant are as follows:

YEAR	COLFAX	DRY PRONG	GEORGETOWN	MONTGOMERY	POLLOCK
1960	1,934	360	321	866	366
1970	1,892	352	306	923	341
1980	1,680	526	381	843	399
1990	1,696	380	273	645	330
1991	1,805	381	273	643	330
1992	1,794	402	263	654	330
1993	1,832	410	263	645	330
1994	1,836	408	269	645	330
1995	1,838	418	280	646	330
1996	1,833	414	272	723	378
1997	1,819	417	275	723	360
1998	1,821	402	265	723	364

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$10,695	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$11,179	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$11,835	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$12,537	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$13,492	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$13,614	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$14,071	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$14,368	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Grant Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$31,646	\$11,910	\$582	\$8,124	\$7	\$2,654
1992	\$32,562	\$11,043	\$617	\$9,461	\$9	\$2,944
1993	\$34,135	\$11,097	\$515	\$9,752	\$9	\$3,315
1994	\$35,116	\$7,962	\$287	\$1,028	\$14	\$18,639
1995	\$38,290	\$9,985	\$480	\$1,148	\$174	\$19,153
1996	\$39,421	\$9,683	\$499	\$1,202	\$180	\$20,189
1997	\$42,399	\$10,775	\$632	\$1,547	\$251	\$19,237

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Grant as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
GRANT PARISH	3		3	4	7
COLFAX	3	2	5	4	9
POLLOCK	3	1	4	4	8
GEORGETOWN	3	1	4	4	8

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$4,319	\$3,730	\$5,092	\$6,790	\$5,164
February	\$3,445	\$4,894	\$3,894	\$4,863	\$4,186
March	\$5,484	\$5,499	\$5,344	\$5,885	\$7,474
April	\$4,461	\$4,412	\$4,859	\$5,132	\$5,574
May	\$4,456	\$4,490	\$4,702	\$5,395	\$4,700
June	\$5,510	\$6,696	\$6,068	\$6,629	\$9,080
July	\$4,222	\$4,420	\$4,118	\$5,470	\$5,491
August	\$4,811	\$5,225	\$5,306	\$5,800	\$6,895
September	\$5,697	\$5,632	\$5,923	\$7,102	\$6,954
October	\$5,160	\$5,324	\$3,925	\$6,144	\$6,800
November	\$5,612	\$4,163	\$3,040	\$4,243	\$5,265
December	\$5,387	\$5,734	\$5,755	\$6,004	\$7,351
Annual Total	\$58,564	\$60,219	\$58,026	\$69,457	\$74,932

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Grant is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$20,368,266	\$12,165,237	\$32,533,503
1991	\$20,620,123	\$12,451,528	\$33,071,651
1992	\$21,240,100	\$12,628,327	\$33,868,427
1993	\$21,924,616	\$13,000,542	\$34,925,158
1994	\$22,564,358	\$13,372,373	\$35,936,731
1995	\$21,864,267	\$13,816,137	\$35,680,404
1996	\$23,684,296	\$14,483,360	\$38,167,656
1997	\$24,906,540	\$15,195,937	\$40,102,477
1998	\$26,491,218	\$16,066,228	\$42,557,446

Source: Grant Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$16,862,239	\$7,399,764	\$8,271,500
1991	\$17,014,620	\$7,913,231	\$8,143,800
1992	\$17,464,121	\$8,262,296	\$8,142,010
1993	\$17,963,665	\$8,646,973	\$8,314,520
1994	\$18,564,624	\$8,823,307	\$8,548,800
1995	\$19,077,585	\$7,746,849	\$8,855,970
1996	\$20,866,228	\$8,209,928	\$9,091,500
1997	\$22,060,535	\$8,845,382	\$9,196,560
1998	\$23,221,438	\$9,990,818	\$9,345,190

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Grant follows:

Year	Millage
1990	81.58
1991	79.67
1992	79.71
1993	79.70
1994	91.70
1995	94.57
1996	93.20
1997	93.20
1998	93.20

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Grant Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Grant in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. DITTO'S OF CALIFORNIA	\$3,339,151
2. CLECO	\$2,910,080
3. FARMLAND INDUSTRIES	\$2,480,940
4. BELLSOUTH	\$1,906,560
5. LA & AR RAILWAY CO	\$1,621,320
6. HUNT PLYWOOD CO	\$1,153,787
7. TRUNKLINE GAS CO	\$1,062,180
8. IP TIMBERLANDS	\$840,530
9. LOUISIANA INT. GAS	\$660,355
10. COLFAX BANKING CO.	\$550,524

Source: Grant Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Grant Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	3,496	3,405	3,429	3,327
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	3,735	3,627	3,641	3,591
PUBLIC	3,765	3,671	3,717	3,655

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Grant Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$22,234	\$23,534	\$25,434	\$26,685
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$3,886	\$3,997	\$4,548	\$4,757
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$166,613	\$206,752	\$303,183	\$1,666,907
DEBT SERVICE	\$578,790	\$528,792	\$572,910	\$496,933
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$14,513,767	\$14,679,420	\$16,097,249	\$17,477,655

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.